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Mining and California Bling! at the Victor Valley Museum

Event date: Thursday, September 22, 2016

Tickets are available now for "Mining in the Museum," a special fund-raising event at the Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley on Thursday, Sept. 22, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The event, which offers a preview opening of the museum's newest exhibit, California Bling! Minerals from the Museum Collections, will feature hearty appetizers by Cougar Kitchen, Paul Starks Parade of Pianos, and a silent auction. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Victor Valley Museum and proceeds benefit the educational mission of the museum.

"Museums play a vital role in our children's education and our communities' quality of life," said Melissa Russo, director of the San Bernardino County Museum, which oversees the Victor Valley Museum. "Please join us to celebrate the legacy of mining in our region and to enjoy California Bling!"

California Bling! showcases some of the most sparkly, glittering, and colorful minerals and gemstones in the county museum collections. Most of the specimens were collected in California and many come from mines that once operated throughout the Mojave Desert.

Tickets for Mining in the Museum are \$50 per person or \$80 per couple. Advance reservations are required. For ticket information, contact Laura Crites, Victor Valley Museum funding coordinator, at (760) 240-7460.

"Mining in the Museum," "California Bling!" and the Victor Valley Museum's other exciting events and exhibits reflect the effort by the Board of Supervisors to achieve the Countywide Vision by celebrating arts, culture, and education in the county, creating quality of life for residents and visitors.

The Victor Valley Museum is a branch of the San Bernardino County Museum located at 11873 Apple Valley Road in Apple Valley. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 (adult), \$4 (senior or military), and \$2.50 (student). Children under 5 and San Bernardino County Museum Association members are free. Parking is free. For more information, visit www.sbcountymuseum.org. The museum is accessible to persons with disabilities.

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